

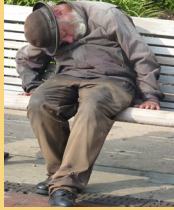
Loitering

A person may not loiter, loaf, stand wander, or remain idle either alone or in consort with others in a public place in a manner so as to:

- Obstruct any public street or sidewalk, or any other public place or building
- Hinder or impede the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles or pedestrians
- Solicit or catch hold of persons for the purpose of inducing or compelling them to buy any item
- Consume alcoholic beverages on public streets, parks and other public ways

Consequences

When any person causes or commits any of these conditions — a police officer or any law enforcement officer shall order that person to stop causing or committing the conditions and to move on or disperse. Any person who fails or refuses to obey the orders is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to imprisonment, a fine, or both.



Be Aware of How to Help

Tips for Responding to Panhandling

- Walk away confidently and briskly
- Politely say “no” or “sorry”
- Inform your patrons of alternatives to giving to panhandlers

Worried about someone who is homeless? One call will connect you with someone who will help to coordinate care and manage services among the many local agencies that offer homeless housing and services.

Contact:

Justin Bieler, Homeless Coordinator
(410) 269-4749
justin.bieler@maryland.gov

Concerned about an aggressive panhandler, or loiterer, or you believe a busker's sound is causing a disturbance?

Contact:

City of Annapolis Police Department
(410) 268-4141
Provide the description and approximate location of the individual.

In Case of Emergency: Call 911



Street Behavior

Awareness



City of Annapolis

Economic Development Division
Planning & Zoning Department
145 Gorman St. , FL 3
Annapolis, MD 21401

Phone: (410) 263-7691 x7770
E-mail: hgminor@annapolis.gov

Buskers

Quality Street Performers

(aka Buskers) provide a vibrant and dynamic atmosphere, cultural diversity, entertainment, and thought provoking experiences.

Annapolis welcomes buskers to our public spaces with the expectation that buskers will:

- Not operate in trader doorways
- Maintain safe and unobstructed pedestrian pathways
- Use only amplification that is battery operated
- Ensure that sound levels do not intrude into or interrupt trade of nearby establishments
- Receive only voluntary monetary appreciation for their performance

District Noise-Ordinance Levels

Maximum decibel level (dBA) may not exceed (daytime; nighttime):

- Residential Districts: 65; 55
- Office/Mixed Use: 67; 62
- Commercial/Industrial: 75; 75

Noise Level Examples

- Conversation in restaurant; AC unit at 100 feet: 60 dBA
- Vacuum cleaner: 70 dBA
- Food blender: 88 dBA

Panhandlers



Non-aggressive

Panhandling is *Legal*

and is defined as sitting, standing, or performing with a sign or gratuity container for money, food, or other gratuity.

Aggressive Panhandling is *Illegal*

and includes the conduct of begging which harasses, menaces, intimidates, impedes traffic or otherwise causes harm. It is unlawful for any person to do any of the following:

- Touch a person without consent
- Panhandle a person standing in line waiting to be admitted to a business
- Block the path of a person or the entrance to any building or vehicle
- Follow behind, ahead or alongside a person who walks away
- Panhandle in a group of two or more
- Continue vocally to solicit a person after receiving a negative response
- Use profane or abusive language, during the solicitation or following a donation refusal
- Make any statement, gesture, or other communication that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or feel compelled to donate

Homeless



If You Observe a Homeless Person

- Blocking the entrance to a business
- Harassing customers entering or exiting a business and asking for money
- Refusing to leave a business when asked

Be Part of the Solution

- Connect them with someone who can help (see back panel)
- Give the gift of cash by making tax-deductible donations directly to nonprofit agencies that are devoted to making a real difference in the lives of those who are suffering
- Donate spare change at the City's blue parking meters, which is given to The Light House, Homeless Prevention Support Center
- Give the gift of time by volunteering at a local social service provider, or contact a local charity and install a donation box within your business